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C O R R E C T E D C O P Y (REFERENCE)

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PINS, MOPS, CG, CASC
SUBJECT: RPORTED MILITARY ACTION IN KOLWEZI

REF: LUBUMBASHI 454 (NOTAL)

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4. AT THIS POINT FACTS OF KOLWEZI SITUATION ARE UNCLEAR. FAZ HAS TOLD US THAT "ENEMY ATTACK" HAS TAKEN PLACE BUT HAS CONFIRMED NOTHING MORE. WE CANNOT RULE OUT POSSIBILITY THAT MILITARY ACTION INVOLVES FAZ FORCES ONLY.

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USMISSION USNATO
USINT HAVANA
USCINCEUR VAIHINGEN GER/ECJ-4-7
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DEPT PASS PEACE CORPS

FOLLOWING SENT ACTION DEPT INFO BRUSSELS, LUBUMBASHI,
LUSAKA, USMISSION USUN NY, PARIS, BRAZZAVILLE REPEATED
FOR YOUR ACTION/INFO

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